

WI-388  
The Bank of Delmar  
Delmar  
Private

c. 1920

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: The Bank of Delmar

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-388

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation:        Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):   Industrial/Urban Dominance  
  1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s):             Bank

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-388

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic The Bank of Delmar

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 12 East State Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Delmar ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                                    |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial            |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military              |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park                  |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence     |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religious             |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific            |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation        |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                |

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of The Bank of Delmar

street & number 12 East State Street telephone no.: 410-896-9041

city, town Delmar state and zip code MD 21875

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bank of Delmar is located at 12 East State Street in the center of Delmar, Wicomico County, Maryland. The bank building faces north.

Built around 1920, the single-story brick bank building is supported on polished granite base, and it is surrounded, above as well as to each side, by mid to late twentieth century brick additions. The historic three-bay front is laid in stretcher bond, and the three-bay wall is defined by four brick pilasters featuring stone capitals and bases.

The center bay is filled with a round arched door opening framed in a neoclassical surround and arched transom. The door surround features carved consoles that visually support the molded entablature. Fixed atop the entablature is the arched transom defined by a molded stone surround fitted with a center keystone. A leaded glass transom includes "Est. 1896" within the colored glass design. The front door is a modern glass replacement.

Located to each side are large sized window openings filled with eight-over-eight sash windows topped by four-light transoms. Each window opening features a stone still and a stone jack arch. The jack arches have articulated keystones and end blocks. Below each window is an inset brick panel. Stretching across the top of the first story is a stone entablature which is inscribed, "The Bank of Delmar." The former parapet wall rises atop the entablature and is accented by a stone cap. The stretcher bond brick walls rise atop the early twentieth century bank building.

The interior has been remodeled.

## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900–                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1896

Builder/Architect

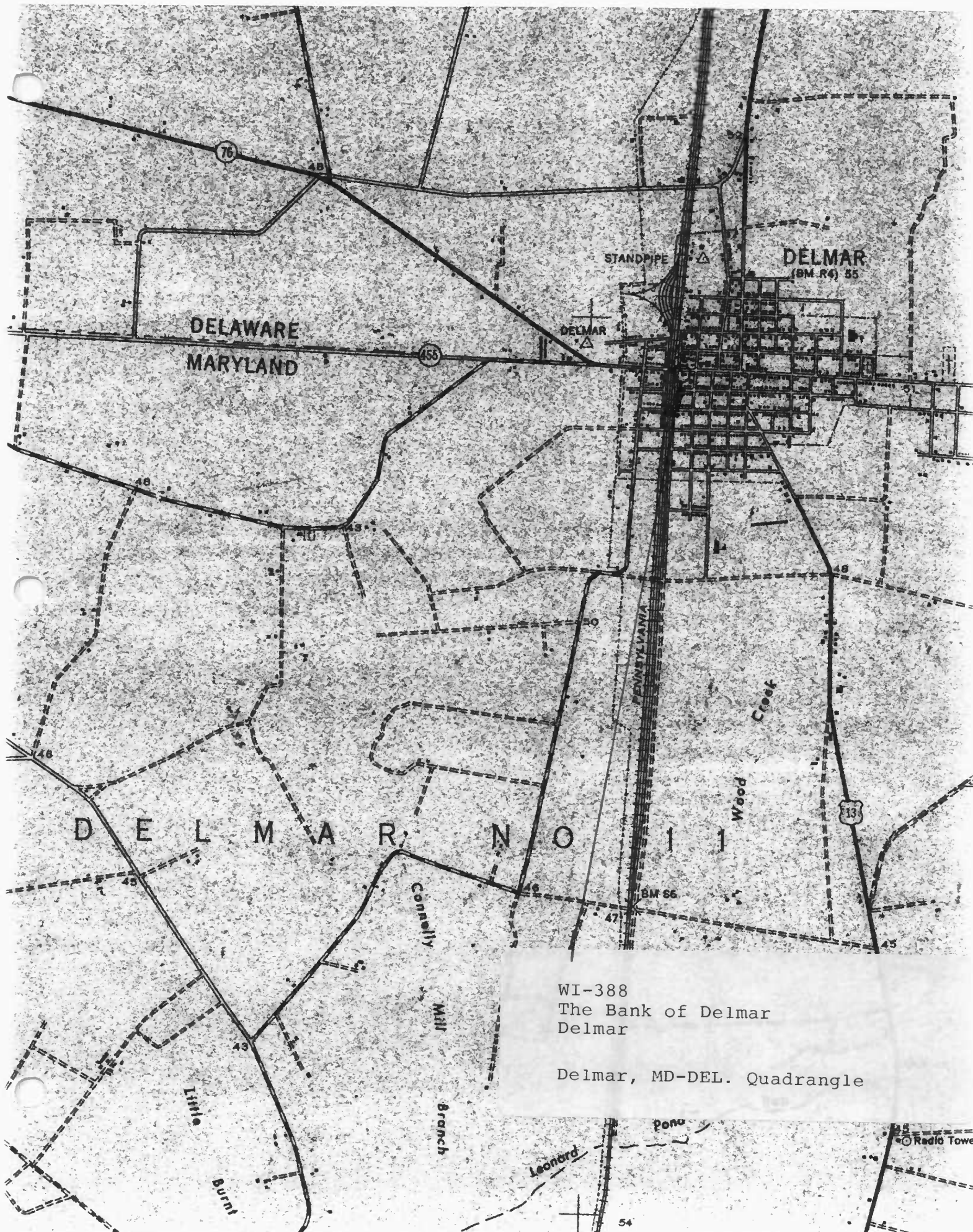
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Delmar, MD-DEL. Quadrangle

Radio Tower

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THE BANK OF  
DELMAR  
INCORPORATED  
IN DELAWARE  
1892  
CAPITAL PAID UP  
\$100,000  
RESERVE FUND  
\$50,000  
SAVES



